

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL TICKET CHECKING DRIVES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special flying squad of Railways have carried out special ticket checking drive to catch passengers travelling without ticket and those carrying goods without proper bookings;
- (b) if so, the number of times such drives have been conducted during the last one year, till date and the number of passengers caught travelling without ticket or transporting goods without booking;
- (c) the amount recovered/collected therefrom during the said period;
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken for checking ticketless travelling;
- (e) whether officers have been made accountable in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): No separate statistics regarding the checks conducted by the special flying squads is maintained. During the period April, 2004 to May, 2005, 15.55 lakh checks were conducted by all the ticket checking staff including flying squad in which 161.14 lakh persons were apprehended travelling without ticket/with improper ticket including unbooked luggage and the railway dues amounting to Rs. 260.74 crores were realized.

(d): Besides regular Checks some of the measures taken are:-

(i) The minimum penalty for ticketless/irregular travel has been enhanced to Rs. 250/- from Rs. 50/- with effect from 1.7.2004.

(ii) Special checks are conducted in association with Police and Railway Magistrates.

(iii) Ambush Checks, Fortress Checks, Cross Country Checks and Replacement Checks etc. are conducted from time to time

(iv) Intensive Check Post Scheme has been introduced for effectively controlling the ticketless/irregular travelling as well as ticketing frauds.

(e) & (f): Railway officers are accountable for an effective ticket checking so as to curb ticketless travel and enhance the passenger earnings.